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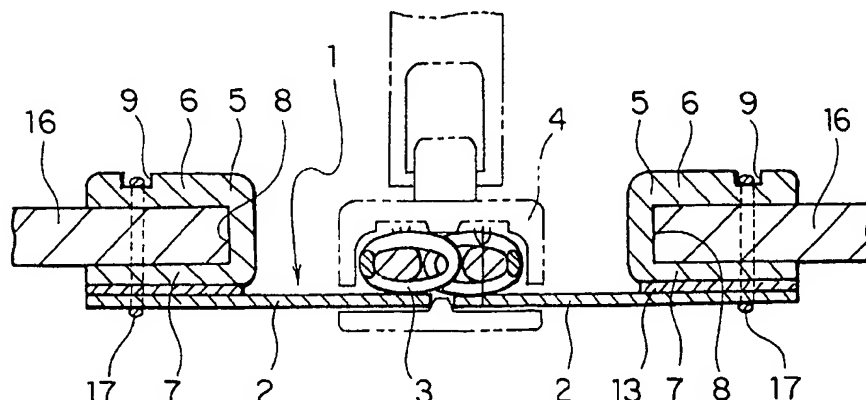
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(54) **Slide fastener and manufacturing method therefor**

(57) Both sides of a fastener chain may be reinforced and an attachment object such as a bag or a case may be mounted in a stabilized condition. A reinforcement member (5), which is molded of thermoplastic resin, thermoplastic elastomer or synthetic rubber in the form of a turned-down U shape in its cross section and has an appropriate plasticity and flexibility, is bonded along both outer sides of a fastener chain (1) with a thermal welding resin film (13). The reinforcement member

(5) has a mounting groove (8) which enables a cloth of the attachment object (16) such as the bag or the case to be mounted and further contains a concave groove (9) for a sewing thread, provided in the surface thereof. The cloth of the attachment object (16) is inserted into the mounting groove (8) and sewed along the concave groove (9) with a sewing thread (17). Consequently, the reinforcement member (5) can be mounted simply in a stabilized condition and can ensure a long term use.

**FIG. 3**



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